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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Unmanned aircraft are aircraft that are operated
3 without the possibility of direct human intervention or control
4 from within or on the aircraft; and

5 WHEREAS, These unmanned aircraft are most commonly
6 referred to as drones; and

7 WHEREAS, New developments in technology allow the creation
8 of increasingly smaller unmanned aircraft that are
9 undetectable by the naked eye; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States Congress enacted the Federal
11 Aviation Administration Modernization and Reform Act ("the
12 Act") which requires the Federal Aviation Administration to
13 develop a plan to accelerate the integration of civil unmanned
14 aircraft into the national airspace system by 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, Following the passage of the Act, the Federal
16 Aviation Administration (FAA) began to issue rules to implement
17 the Act's mandated plan, including rules that allow law
18 enforcement agencies to operate small unmanned aerial
19 vehicles; and

20 WHEREAS, Allowing an increased amount of small unmanned

1 aircraft to fly in the national airspace expands the
2 government's aerial surveillance capability and threatens the
3 protected privacy rights of Illinois citizens; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly urge the
6 United States Congress to repeal the provisions of the Act that
7 require the FAA to develop a plan to expand the use of unmanned
8 aircraft in the airspace above the continental United States
9 and any other territory or possession of the United States, and
10 thereby repeal the FAA's rules that have begun to implement the
11 mandated plan; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 delivered to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United
14 States House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority
15 Leaders of the United States Senate, and the members of the
16 Illinois congressional delegation.